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Cosmo is the quick-witted leader of his Martian crew. Together, they travel space in search of adventure!

COSMO™ THE MIGHTY MARTIAN

COSMO

ASTRA

ORBI

MAX

THE MISSION BEGINS!

Recently, Cosmo learned that the Earth's moon and its inhabitants were under the control of the evil Queen Hesper and her Venusian Battle Princesses! While the Mighty Martian narrowly thwarted their scheme, some unfinished business was left behind.

Now labeled a target of the Venusian army, Cosmo and his team aim to uncover the Queen's next move, leading them to investigate trouble on the asteroid Ceres...

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"MISSION LOG-- COSMO! RECORDING.
"MY MISSION-- TO SEEK OUT NEW ADVENTURES ACROSS THE GALAXY--HAS GOTTEN A LITTLE SIDE-TRACKED."
"QUEEN HEPSER OF VENUS HAS SENT HER BATTLE PRINCESSES TO TERRORIZE OTHER WORLDS!
"I'M JUST THE MIGHTY MARTIAN TO STOP THEM, BUT I'M NOT ALONE!
"THERE'S MEDULLA, A MULTI-SCIENCES GENIUS!
"ASTRA, MY FEARLESS PILOT!
"ORBI, MY BEST FRIEND!
"JOJO, ORBI'S FAITHFUL COMPANION!
"WE'RE ALL LED BY THE HANDSOME, COURAGEOUS, AND RUTHLESSLY HUMBLE CAPTAIN MAX STRONGJAW!"

RECORDING... REC

I'M AFRAID TO ASK, BUT--
--WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE?
I BORROWED THEM FROM MEDULLA.

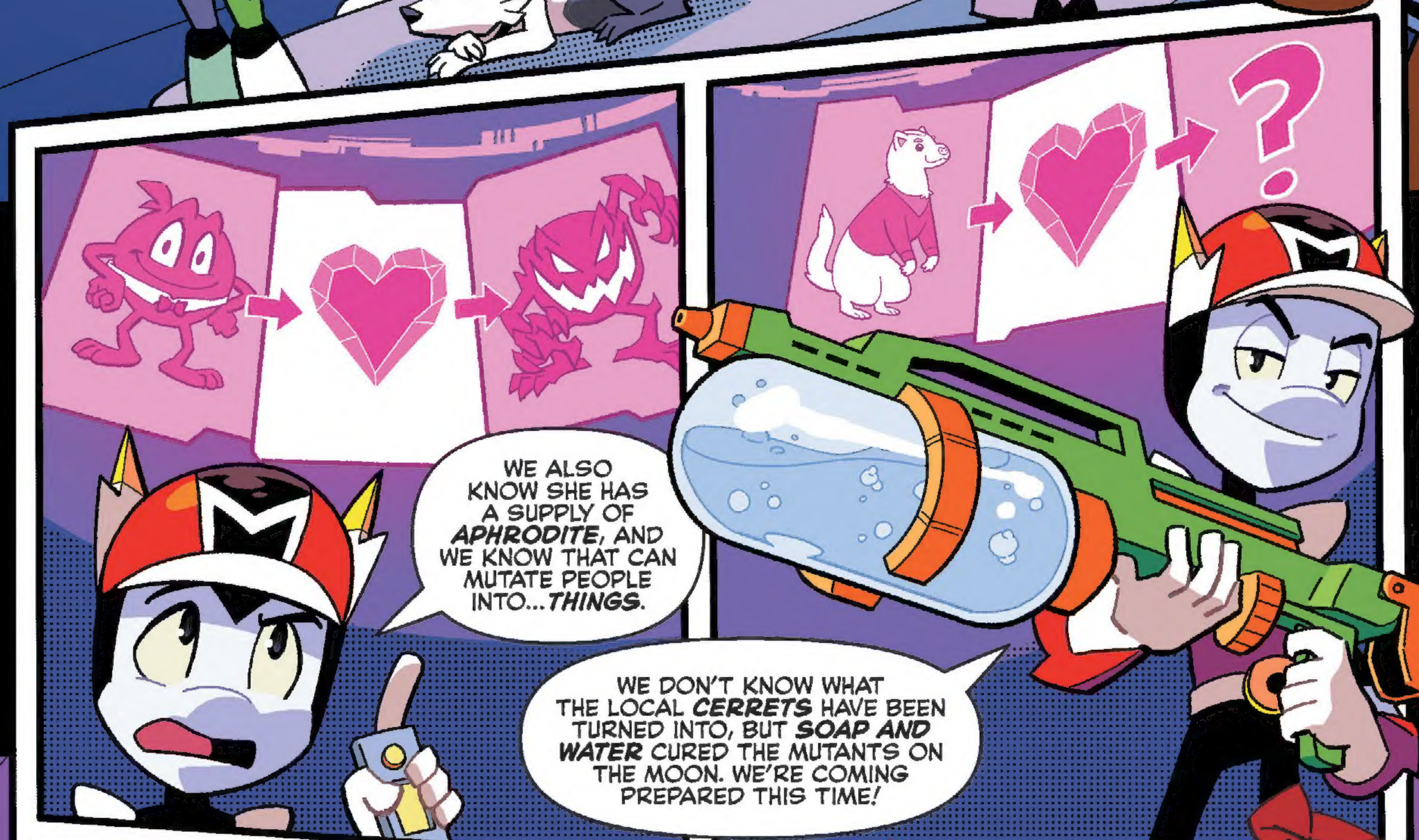
Ah.
...NOW I'M EVEN *MORE* CONCERNED.

WE'RE COMING UP ON *CERES*.
THANKS, ASTRA.
COSMO TO CREW-- ASSEMBLE IN THE PLANNING ROOM.

ARE WE FINALLY FOLLOWING UP ON *BATTLE PRINCESS SHIH?*
YOU *KNOW* IT. WE'RE BACK IN ACTION!
BUMP
OO-RAH!

SOON...

THANKS TO THE INTEL WE GATHERED ON ***ARCADEA***, WE KNOW BATTLE PRINCESS SHIH HAS SET UP A ***VENUSIAN BASE*** ON CERES.



WE'LL SPLIT INTO TEAMS. ORBI AND MAX ARE WITH ME ON TEAM ***AWESOME!*** ASTRA, JOJO AND MEDULLA ARE ON TEAM ***BODACIOUS!***

W-WE'RE DOING AWESOME RECON OFF THE FRONT LINES, RIGHT?

YOU KNOW BETTER.

WAIT, WHAT'S GOING ON?

YES! I ***AM*** AWESOME!

"TEAM AWESOME WILL TAKE MAX'S SHIP--THE ***SAGITTARIUS***-- AND CONFRONT SHIH DIRECTLY.

"TEAM BODACIOUS WILL TAKE THE ***TUFO*** AND SNEAK IN THE BACK. SEE IF YOU CAN'T FIND OUT WHAT QUEEN HESPER'S GRAND PLANS ARE."

I DON'T LIKE MEDULLA'S REPAIRS. THE OL' GIRL IS FLYING SMOOTHER, FASTER--IT FEELS ALL WRONG!

WOULD IT HAVE KILLED HER TO GIVE US MORE LEG ROOM?

FOCUS, GUYS. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'LL CATCH SHIH'S EYE.

SKYOW

SKYOW

SKYOW

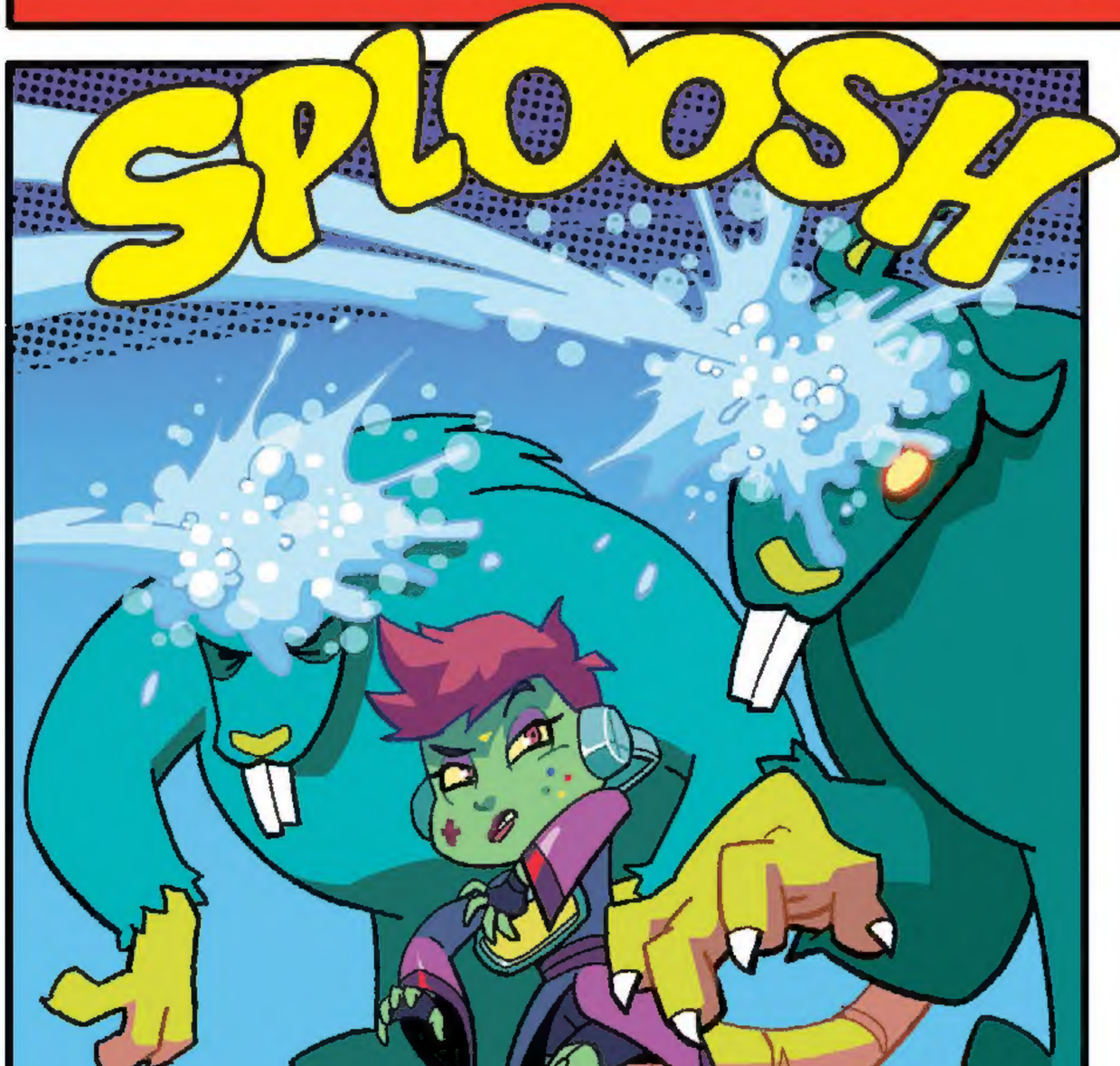
SWEET JUNIPER!!

KRASSKK

SKYOW
SKYOW
SKYOW
OOh! AND LISTEN TO THIS! THE CERRETS ARE THE LEADING RIGHT SOCK PRODUCERS IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM!
THEY ALSO ARE THE TOP HARVESTERS OF LEFT SOCKS FROM EARTH!
EEEEE! THEY HAVE SEVENTY DIFFERENT WAYS OF SAYING "HELLO," BUT NONE FOR "CALM!" HOW INTERESTING!
BRACE YOURSELVES. WE'RE CLOSING IN ON THE BASE.
LIKE CLOCKWORK.
≥Sigh≤
WHY DOES COSMO GET TO HOG ALL THE ACTION?

AAAAHHH!!
SKYOW
SKYOW
SKA-BOOM
AAAHHH!!
AAAAHHH!!
KRASH
--AAAAHHH YES!
PERFECT LANDING!
I BET SHIH DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING!

LET'S GO, TEAM AWESOME! NO TELLING HOW FAST SHIH WILL MOBILIZE HER FORCES!



Uhh... NO, YOU ARE!
MAX, SHE'S SAYING WHAT WORKED ON THE LUNITES WOULDN'T NECESSARILY WORK ON THE CERRETS.
DIDN'T MEDULLA THINK OF THAT?!
Oh, SHE DID. WARNED ME ABOUT IT, TOO. BUT I KINDA HOPED THIS WOULD WORK.
AND IF IT DIDN'T?!
IT MAKES THE MISSION MORE EXCITING...? WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT AS WE GO!
Tch.
WHAT DID HESPER EVER SEE IN YOU?
RAT-TROLLZ! OWN THESE NOOBS.
U MAD?
GIT GUD.

MEANWHILE...

HOW'S IT *COMING*, MEDULLA?

Oh, I CAME QUITE PREPARED. I DIDN'T KNOW IF THE INTERFACE WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH MY USUAL PERIPHERALS--

--SO I MEMORIZED A LOGIC-SHIFTING HEXADECIMAL DECRYPTING ALGORITHM SO I COULD MANUALLY BYPASS THEIR SECURITY.

Tap Tappity-Tap Tap Tap

...

THAT'S... LOVELY. DID IT WORK?

Mm? Oh! I DIDN'T NEED IT.

I GUESSED THE PASSWORD ON THE FIRST TRY. IT WAS "*HESPERROXX*" BY THE WAY.

KLIK

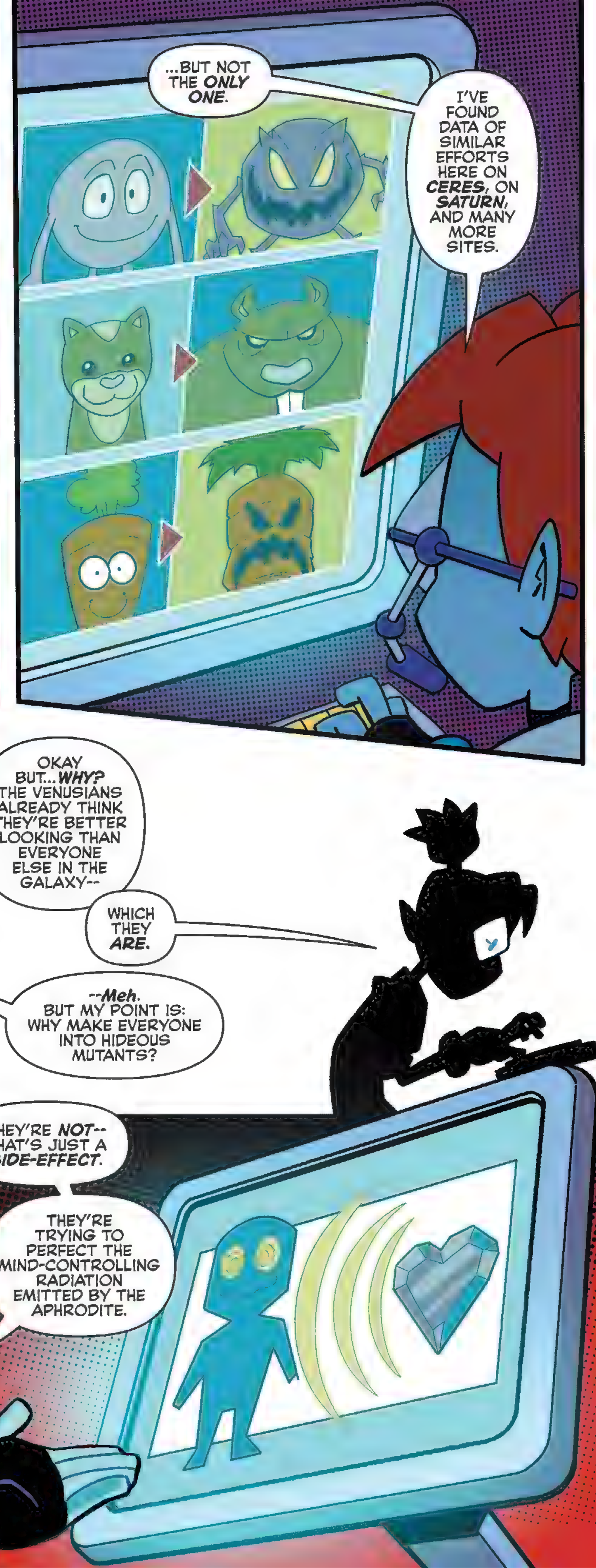
LIKE CLOCKWORK.

Sigh

WATCH THE DOOR, JOJO.

PROBABLY WON'T GET CAUGHT ANYWAY. *BOR*-RING.

WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND?
PLENTY. QUEEN HESPER'S EVIL EFFORTS ON THE MOON WERE A SMALL TEST RUN...


...BUT NOT THE ONLY ONE.
I'VE FOUND DATA OF SIMILAR EFFORTS HERE ON CERES, ON SATURN, AND MANY MORE SITES.
OKAY BUT...WHY? THE VENUSIANS ALREADY THINK THEY'RE BETTER LOOKING THAN EVERYONE ELSE IN THE GALAXY--
WHICH THEY ARE.
--Meh. BUT MY POINT IS: WHY MAKE EVERYONE INTO HIDEOUS MUTANTS?
THEY'RE NOT-- THAT'S JUST A SIDE-EFFECT.
THEY'RE TRYING TO PERFECT THE MIND-CONTROLLING RADIATION EMITTED BY THE APHRODITE.

THERE WE GO! HESPER TELLING EVERYONE WHAT TO DO MAKES TOTAL SENSE!
HAVE THEY INVADED MARS?
Mmm... NOPE. STRANGE. I'M NOT FINDING ANY BATTLE PLANS FOR OUR HOME-WORLD.
EARTH
MARS
SATURN
VENUS
BUT-- THE VENUSIANS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MARTIAN. THEY'VE FOUND TWO OF THEM AND THINK THEY'VE FOUND A THIRD ON SATURN.
TWO OF WHAT?
I-I-I DON'T KNOW. THAT DATA IS VERY HEAVILY SECURED.
WELL, NOW YOU CAN USE THAT CODE-BREAKER STUFF YOU MEMORIZED, RIGHT?
OOH! YES! WITH GUSTO!
4B 6E 6F 63 6B 20 6B 6E 6F 63 6B 20 6C 65 74 20 6D 65 20 69 6E!

EUREKA!
DID YOU FIND WHAT THEY'RE GATHERING?
NO! BUT I DID ACCESS THE FACILITY'S SECURITY CAMERAS!
LOOK! IT'S TEAM AWESOME!
Oh, DEAR...
JOJO! THE BOYS NEED BACK-UP! THREE HALLS NORTH, ONE FLOOR UP!
DON'T YOU WANT TO FIGHT, TOO?
MORE THAN ANYTHING, BUT SOMEONE NEEDS TO WATCH OVER YOU.
NO MORE ANALYSIS. DOWNLOAD EVERYTHING TO THE TUFO. WE'LL COMB THROUGH IT ONCE WE'RE OUT OF HERE.

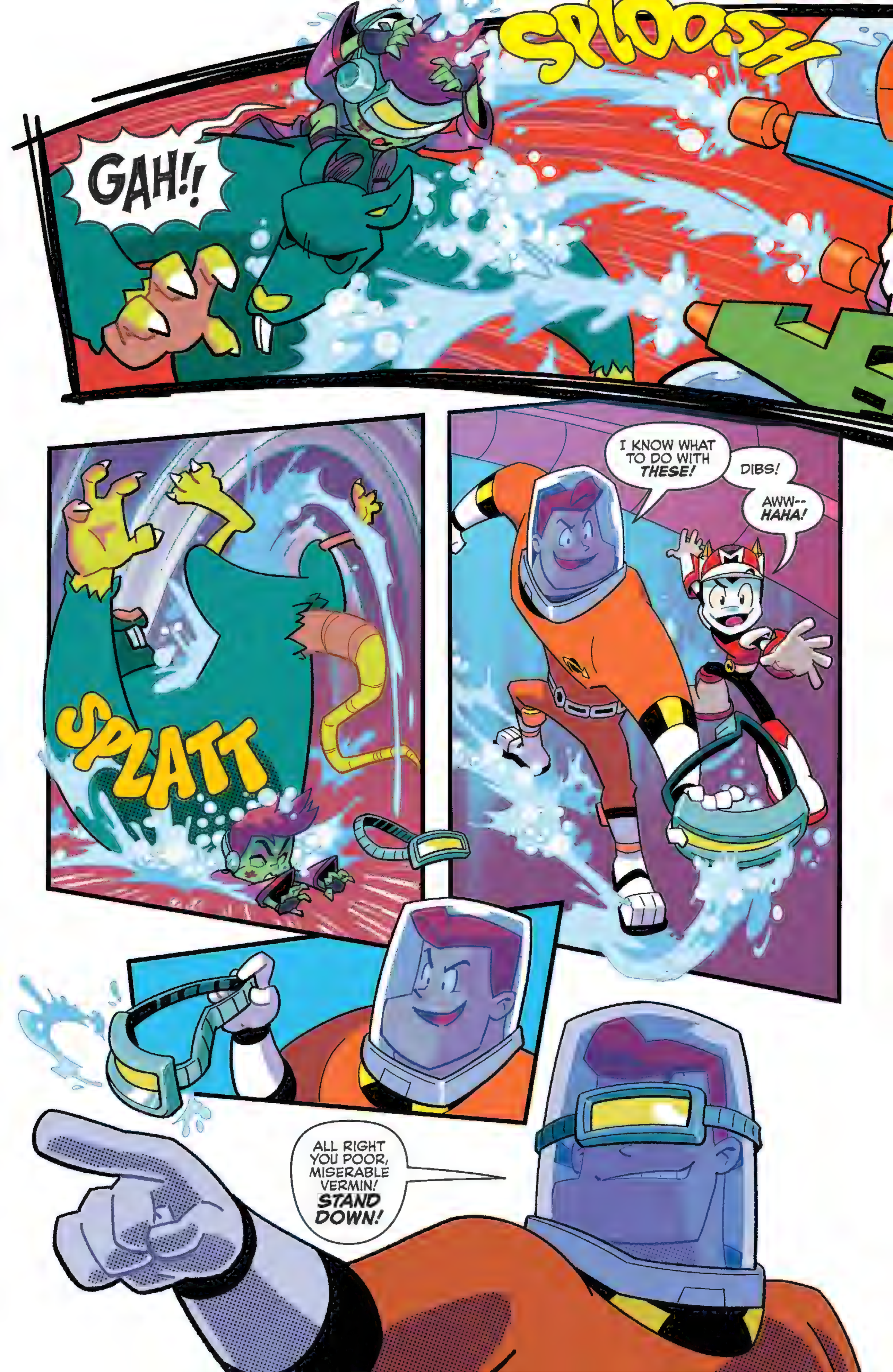
BWAHhaha!

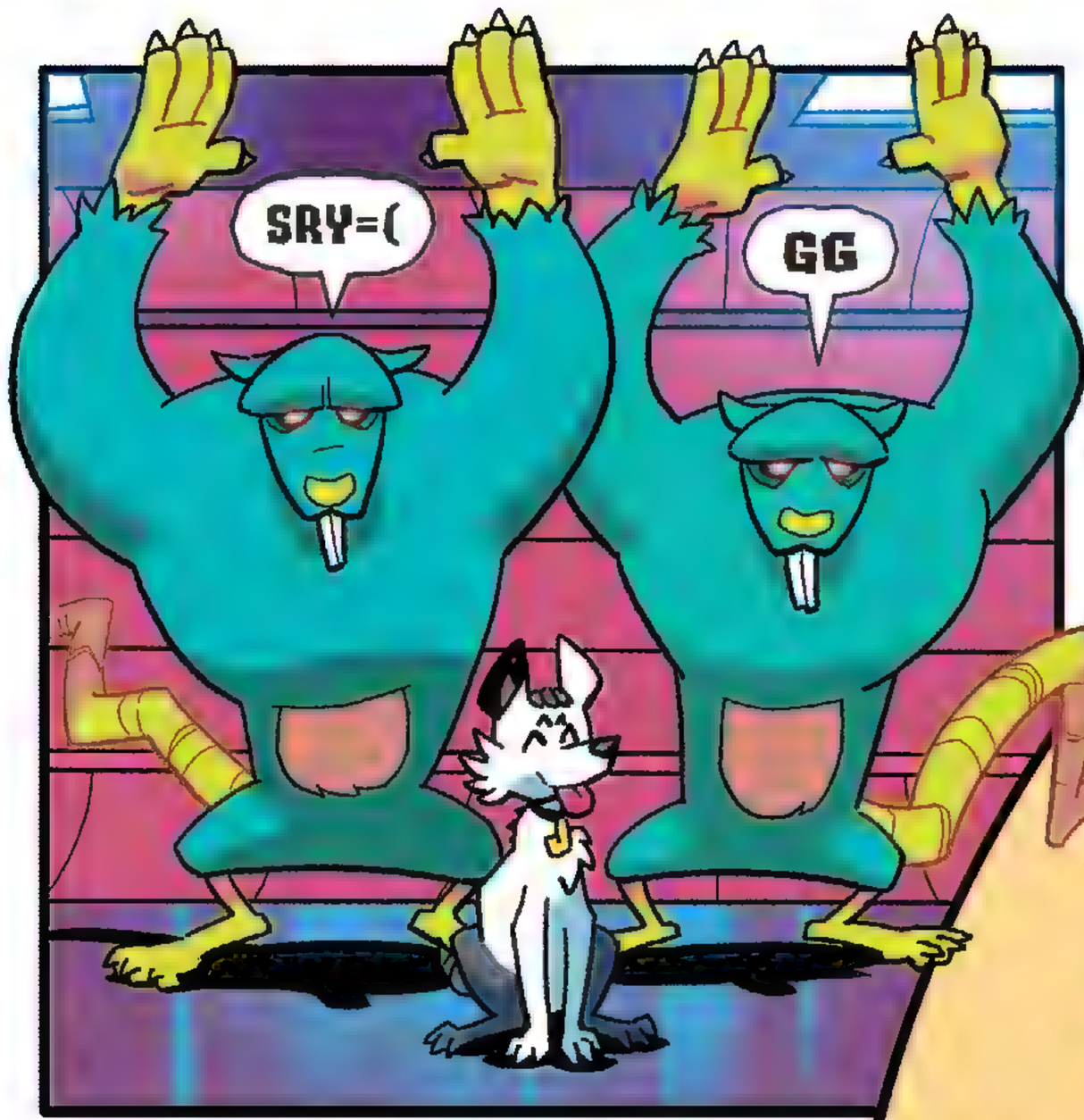
NOW *THIS* HAS REPLAY VALUE!

IF HESPER LETS ME KEEP YOU, I'M GONNA DIGITIZE YOU AND UPLOAD YOU INTO A GAME JUST LIKE THIS!

I'VE GOT JUST THE CUSTOM VR ENGINE TO USE TOO!

YOU GUYS GO TAKE CARE OF THE SPIES! I'LL HANDLE THE DORKS!
RRRUMBLE
RRRUMBLE
YEAH, JOJO! GET 'EM!
RRRUMBLE


SPLOOSH
GAH!!
SPLATT
I KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THESE!
DIBS!
AWW-- HAHA!
ALL RIGHT YOU POOR, MISERABLE VERMIN! STAND DOWN!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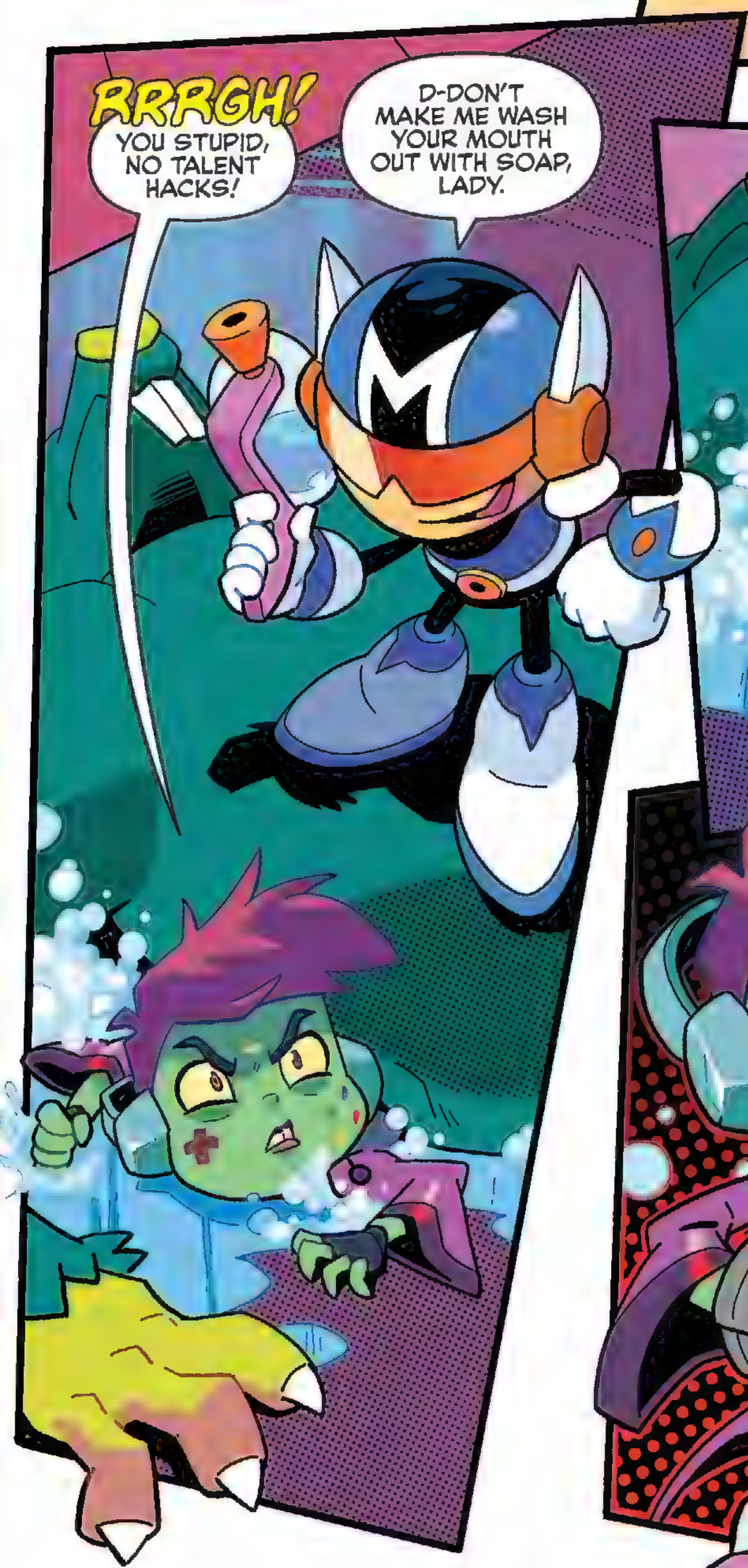
C'MON! I DIDN'T GET TO USE THE COMMAND WAND LAST TIME! LET ME HAVE A TURN!
I'M NOT DONE YET!


RRRGH!
YOU STUPID, NO TALENT HACKS!
D-DON'T MAKE ME WASH YOUR MOUTH OUT WITH SOAP, LADY.

EEP!
COSMO! HELP!

COSMO!

VOIP

GRAB--!

--HER.

...ORBI...?

THE RED FLAG.
BATTLE PRINCESS SHIH'S FLAGSHIP.
VOIP
WE'RE DONE HERE. SET COURSE FOR SATURN-- FULL SPEED!
AND TAKE THIS WORM TO THE BRIG WHILE I THINK ABOUT WHAT TO DO WITH HIM.

COSMO! WHERE'S SHIH?
WHAT?!
GONE. SHE TOOK ORBI.
YOU'LL NEED TO BRING THE TUFO AROUND AND TOW THE SAGITTARIUS BACK. SHE AIN'T FLYING WITH THAT DAMAGE.
OOh! I KNOW JUST HOW TO REPAIR IT!
NOTHING... TOO DIFFERENT, OKAY?
SURE, BUT...WHAT ABOUT THE POOR CERRETS? WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO RESEARCH A CURE WITH ORBI IN DANGER.
Oh, Uhh...
ALL OF YOU EXERCISE, EAT RIGHT, AND GET PLENTY OF SLEEP! KEEP THAT UP UNTIL...UNTIL WE COME BACK FOR YOU.
C'MON, COSMO. WE NEED YOU.
SORRY. I'M...YOU'RE RIGHT.
BACK TO THE TUFO! WE'VE GOT TO FIND ORBI BEFORE SHIH DOES SOMETHING AWFUL TO HIM!

Y-YOU LIKE PUTTING PEOPLE INTO VIDEO GAMES, R-RIGHT?
W-WELL, I HATE CALM, NON-VIOLENT FARM SIMS. T-TERRIFIED OF THEM. W-WOULD BE A FATE W-WORSE THAN DEATH!
YOU'RE SO TRANSPARENT, I COULD USE YOU AS A PNG BACK-GROUND.
BUT NO. YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW...
...OR WE'LL SEE WHAT KIND OF MUTANTS MARTIANS TURN INTO!
TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT ISSUE

Our mighty hero Cosmo experiences a strange vision that could finally lead his team to victory against the vicious Venusian Queen Hesper... or spell peril for him and his friends!

DATA FILE: BATTLE PRINCESS SHIH

A fierce warrior and highly competitive gamer, Shih utilizes her high-tech gear to pwn all challengers! Shih takes pride in utilizing the most state-of-the-art gadgets and will openly mock any n00bz who aren't on her level.

In addition to having all the gadgets, Shih is also the captain of the Red Flag, a Venusian ship with sails that are solar-powered!

Name: Shih

Home planet: Venus

Age: 19

Likes: Video games, electronica, fruit juice, dumplings

Dislikes: Lag, children, campers, loot boxes

OUTER SPACE STRIPS

Get Swole, Rat-Troll!

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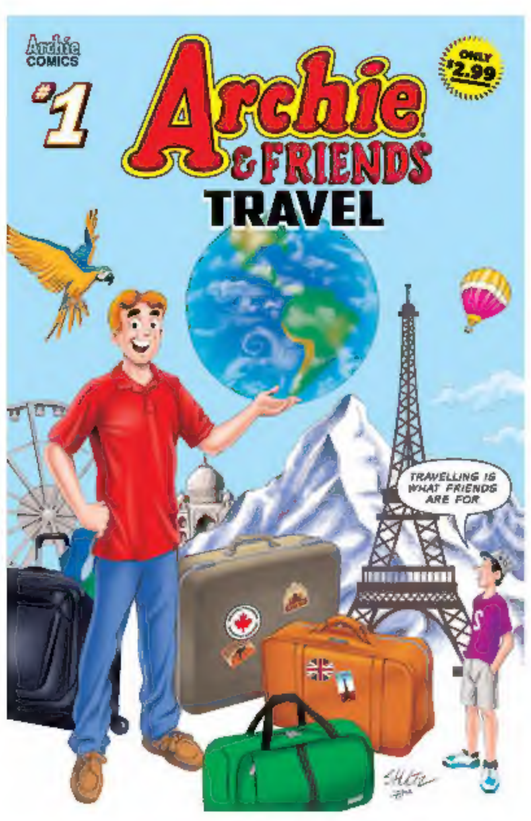

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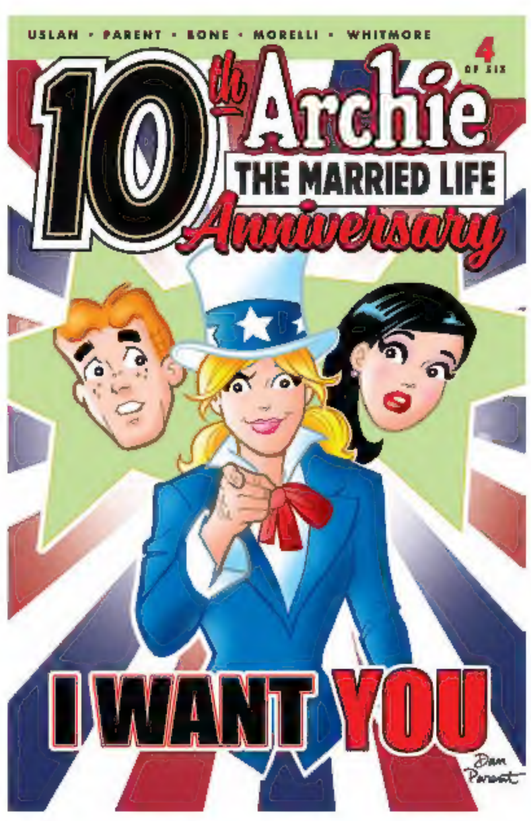

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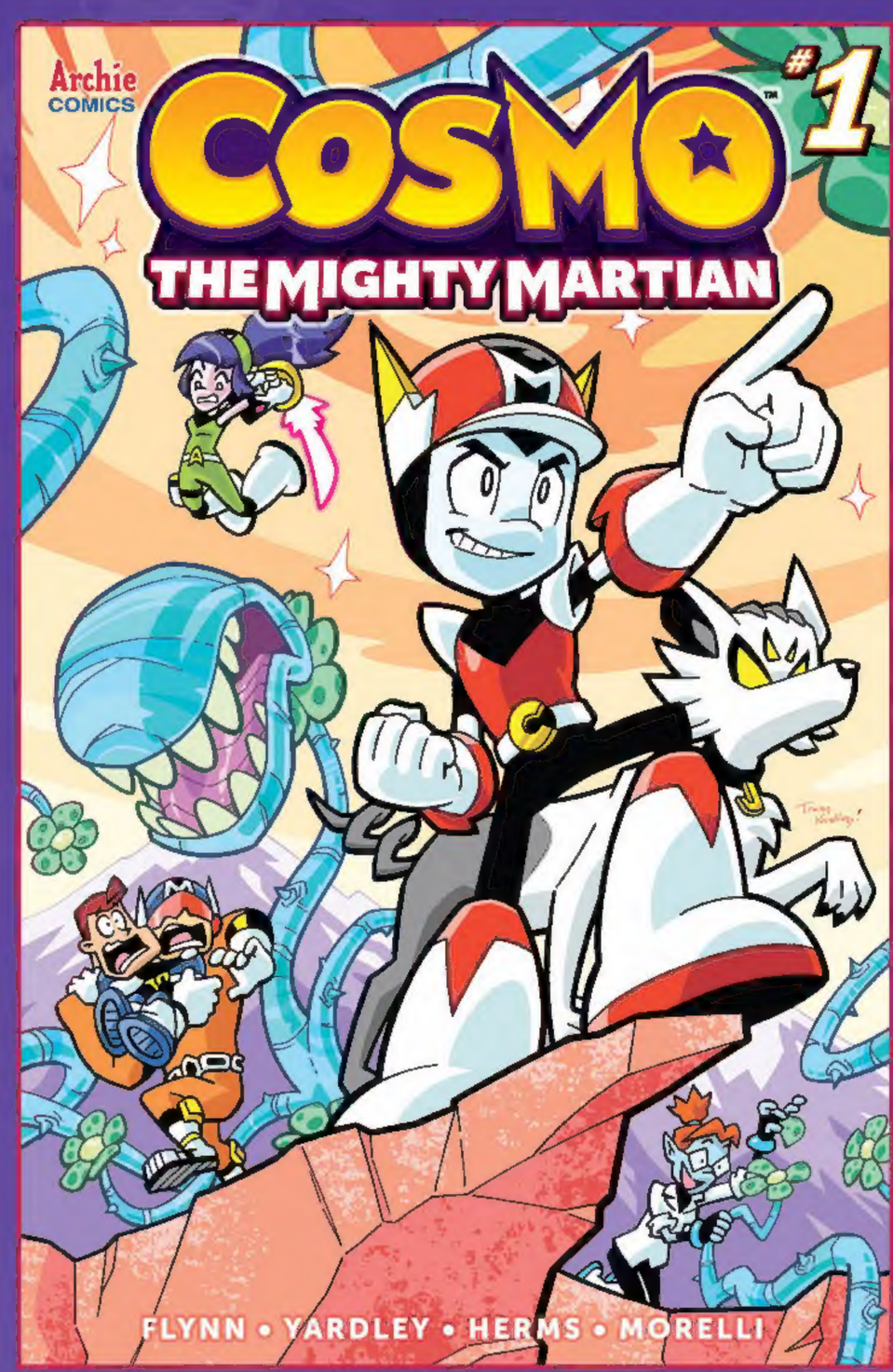

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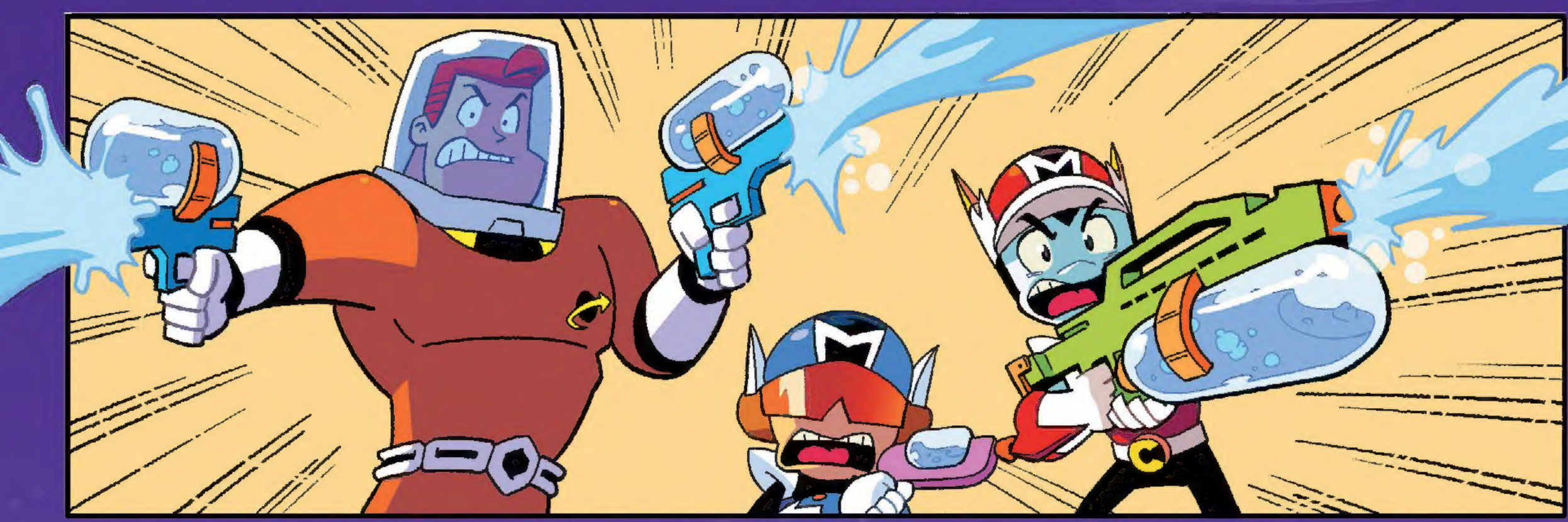

Cosmo is BACK and ready for ADVENTURE! An investigation on the asteroid Ceres quickly turns into a quest for survival when Cosmo becomes the target of the ingenious battle princess Shih! The troubles only grow more fearsome as the Martian crew learns that the Queen of Venus is planning an interplanetary invasion!

Join the fan favorite creative team from the critically-acclaimed series, *COSMO: SPACE ACES*, writer **IAN FLYNN** and artist **TRACY YARDLEY**, in this new space age adventure for readers of all ages!

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